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HONGKONG is being asked to record an opinion on the fiscal changes proposed by the Right Hon. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN. The China Association have already responded to their committee's appeal on this question with no uncertain voice, and we have no doubt as to the result of the plebiscite now being taken among the other British residents. The difference between the Briton at home and the Briton abroad is great. The fact that

"Home-keeping youth have ever homely wits" was stated by the immortal SHAKESPEARE centuries ago, and despite the advantages of improved communication, the line still remains as true as when first written. Things that are obvious to the travelled Briton are not apparent, do not appeal, to the mass of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom, taken up as they are with their own parochial concerns. The little Englander is in a majority in many districts where Imperial questions are neither thought of nor understood. But the Briton who has lived in other parts takes wider views, sees more what is best for the Empire, and is better able to shake himself free from the trammels of local self-interest. Hence it is that the residents in Hongkong, although it is a free port, and practically much less affected than the Mother Country by fiscal changes, are able to come to a more rapid decision on the question that is now absorbing public interest in the British Isles. It is not wonderful, therefore, that they should have long since ceased to make a fetish of free-trade, should have come to recognise that free-trade exists only in the imagination of the professed disciples of CORDEN, and to be painfully cognisant of the fact that by clinging to this shadow they

are in danger of losing the substance. The gradual decay and, in many cases, the total loss of many British industries is but too apparent to us here, though the people of Little Pellington, who have been slumbering for the past half-century, may not be aware of the fact.

Nor are the British community in this Colony so callow as to be gulled with such consolations as those recently current at home; e.g.,—when the Glasgow sugar trade was destroyed by bounty-fed beet sugar from the Continent, the citizens were reminded that though sugar had gone "jam and pickles remained." Curiously enough, the same fituous argument is now being revived in support of the decay of the iron and steel trades. The cheap German iron dumped into South Wales has, it is said, caused a revival in the tin-plate industry. As the chairman of one of the works has pointed out in the *Times*, this is very poor consolation at the best, and the profits made are very slender, while the loss to the iron industry is at least ten-fold greater than the gain to the tin-plate industry. The Ebbw Vale Mill, which had been working for one hundred years and employed 750 men, was closed at the end of November last in consequence of the dumping of foreign material at a price considerably less than it can be produced in South Wales. Mr. BRADFORD, the manager of these works, speaking at Ebbw Vale on the 31st ult., said that the cost of production in Germany and England was practically the same. The difference in price was simply that, with a high tariff protecting their own industries, the Germans could well afford to sell their products at less than cost price. The so-called free-traders urge that if the Germans are so foolish as to sell surplus goods in England below the cost of production, consumers should thankfully accept them and consider themselves the gainers. Such short-sighted policy is almost incredible, and is perhaps really due to the exigencies of party government, which too often leads unscrupulous politicians to make use of any arguments which may seem to appeal to the selfishness of the masses. Thus, a favourite point raised by them is that fiscal reform in the direction of retaliation might cause an increase in the cost of food. It has been clearly shown that a small tax on corn would hardly be felt. But even if the cost of bread really were increased it would surely be better to have a slightly smaller loaf than no bread at all. The dread of retaliation by foreign nations if we ventured to impose a tax on certain products or to legislate against subsidies to shipping or bounties to industries to prevent unfair competition with our own vessels or manufactures is also a favourite bogey with "free-traders." They forget that Great Britain is not the attacking party. She is the attacked. Hitherto she has met all attacks "lying down"; Mr. CHAMBERLAIN proposes she should meet them "standing up." It is not intended either by the great British statesman that we should run a tilt against the fiscal systems of the world, but that we should merely, and instead of making one-sided commercial conventions, negotiate reciprocal commercial treaties. What Mr. CHAMBERLAIN wants, and Mr. BALFOUR wants no less, is that in future, when making commercial treaties, we should have something to bargain with.

As for Hongkong. This is a free port, and we trust it will always remain so, and that our foreign friends will for ever retain the right to come as freely as they do now and trade and reside here with privileges unabridged. But we also hope that the British Government will be placed in such a position as to be able to persuade other Governments to grant to British merchants and British ships the same advantages as have been so ungrudgingly accorded to foreign merchants and foreign vessels. At present, even here in this British Colony, British shipping is, through the subsidies paid to foreign ships by their Governments, positively handicapped in what ought to be a fair competition. Thus, on the coast and on the Canton river, foreign vessels enjoying heavy subsidies compete with colonial steamers which have to depend solely on their own earnings for the profit on capital embarked. This is surely not as it should be. Neither is it just or fair that the refined sugars of Hongkong should be kept out of the markets of Indo-China and Japan by prohibitive tariffs, while British markets are open to the products of those countries. Of course our neighbours are free to do as they like; they can raise or lower their tariff wall at pleasure; but it is surely the same of folly to shrink from an endeavour to make them see reason from dread of retaliation. "Free-traders" are obviously

frightened by this word. There is nothing to be alarmed at in it, however; it only means that the British trader has at last fully aroused, and that he does not intend in future to give everything for nothing. He wants a *quid pro quo* for what he concedes, and he will get it. Foreign Governments are not so foolish or so unreasonable as to quarrel with us because we at length have come to see that our fiscal methods are antiquated, absurd, and one-sided, and they will respect us the more when we ask for reciprocity in commerce. We do not fear competition, we have invited it, and we shall not go back on our ancient policy; but we do want that competition to be on even terms. It is because such has ceased to be the case, and that Mr. CHAMBERLAIN has timely recognised the fact, that we feel bound to rally to his standard, as we hope Britons will do throughout the length and breadth of the Empire, and wish him success in the arduous task of bringing a slow-moving nation to recognise that its fiscal policy must change with changing circumstances.

In reply to a correspondent signing himself Bat Ping Tse, we have to state that the facts are as reported in our issue of the 13th inst.

The local agents of the Hamburg-American send us two handsomely illustrated calendars for 1904, in Chinese and German style.

The Hongkong Rifle Association competition to-day will be for Spoons, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Ranges, 200, 500, and 600 yards. Seven shots and a sighter at each range.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherland Hospitals begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Comrades' Guild \$400
Boarding House Keepers' Guild 100
Fresh Fish Guild 30

The N.C. Daily News Tokyo correspondent telegraphed on the 9th inst.:—"The United States Minister here has received instructions to observe a benevolent neutrality. As regards vessels in harbour liberal treatment will be accorded." Next day he telegraphed:—"The diplomatic ropes are parted, and everything now is considered by the Government to be of the most serious character."

Destruction of trees and shrubs on Crown property, for the purpose of obtaining cheap firewood, is largely on the increase in Hongkong, firs, stocks, and gum, notwithstanding. Yesterday the were again several cases of this description before the magistrates, and their Worship fined them variously from \$3 to \$5, adding several hours in the stocks.

A vagrant who appeared before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistrate's yesterday was the wonder of the court. Tall and burly, wild-looking in appearance, with an immense mop of tangled hair, the man more closely resembled an Indian fakir than the celestial he claimed to be. His crime was sleeping in the air and having no visible means of subsistence, and a smile of ineffable content passed over his rascous countenance as the Court decreed that he must go to goal for seven days, and thereafter quit this colony for ever.

At a meeting held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday night, under the presidency of Mr. Harry Wolfe, President of the Masonic Quadrangle Club, it was decided to give a ball in the City Hall, under the auspices of that club, on the 4th of March, as a final dance of the club's season. The dances held monthly have been most popular, and no effort is to be spared to make the closing function a brilliant success, which, as it is in the hands of the same committee that has had the arrangements of the monthly dances, there can be no doubt it will be.

L'Echo de Chine of Shanghai used to pass for a sober journal. That it is no longer so may have been gathered from some remarks and parts of articles which we have quoted from it lately. What now are we to make of this? In its issue of the 10th inst. it has a leading article headed "A New Phase of the Crisis." In 1897, it says, "if our memory is good, the English Admiral left for Port Arthur with a magnificent fleet, but never arrived there. An amiable Russian agent had left for him at Chefoo a very sweet surprise: 'We have five ships at Port Arthur, but they are very precious and each of them is worth the empire of India.' So history repeats itself, and India has its price."

A correspondent writes to us from Canton complaining of disgraceful scenes of almost daily occurrence in a certain portion of the French concession at Shanghai. He says:—"It is not my intention to reflect upon the conduct of any administrative body in the concession; my desire is to call their attention publicly to the existing state of affairs, so that measures might be taken to restrict the evil, which is growing to an extent that makes it impossible for self-respecting people to live in the neighbourhood. The area of the concession is too circumscribed to allow the respectable and the degraded elements of the community to live together. The undesirable class, if not excluded altogether, should be taught to respect the susceptibilities of their neighbours. Their presence, in any way, tends to lower the prestige of the European in the eyes of the native, who is always eager to point the finger of scorn at the failings of the foreigner."

The *Japan Times* says in a leading article that Japan cannot possibly recede from her present position without a criminal betrayal of the vital interests of the nation.

The state of affairs in the North recently is well illustrated by the following telegram in a Japanese paper, dated Chefoo, 4th January:—"The Japanese cruiser *Nanika* sailed for Esascho this morning. The Russian gunboat *Gaidamak* arrived at Chefoo from Port Arthur yesterday, probably to watch the movements of the *Nanika*."

L'Echo de Chine writes as follows concerning the rumoured orders for 250 Sherwood Foresters to proceed North from Hongkong:—"The 250 Foresters of Hongkong would certainly be a precious item to the allies, but we may be allowed to think that their number must be multiplied tenfold before, in the event of war, their bravery can make an impression on their adversaries. Those most in the know say that these valiant soldiers are to occupy the Yangtze Valley and are destined sooner or later to culminate with their brilliant uniforms the too dull thoroughfares of our international bund."

THE THEATRE.

The dates of the performance of *His Excellency* by the A.D.C. are now fixed. The first series will take place on the 10th, 11th, and 13th February. Again after the China New Year holidays the opera will be staged on the 18th, 19th, and 20th prox.—making six performances in all.

The Dallas Company's season will open on the 22nd prox.

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon, on the Happy Valley, the Hongkong Football Club will play The Wanderers under Rugby rules. Kick-off at 4.15 p.m. The club will be in stripes. The following will play for the Club:—

A. N. Other, full back; W. R. Robertson, O. J. Barnes, Lt. L. H. Crozier, and K. A. Selanders, three-quarters; Lt. P. H. Campbell and R. D. Whitmore, halves; A. Boyd, E. E. Hallifax, Lt. M. R. Straver, Newman, Lt. E. Rogers, W. A. Cruke, H. C. Sandford, and S. O. Else, forwards.

TROOPS ARRIVE AT HONGKONG.

Transport No. 4, the B.I.S.N. Co's s.s. *Dilwara*, arrived here at 8 a.m. yesterday with some 500 troops for Hongkong: 171 for the Sherwood Foresters, and the rest were divided between the A.O.C., Royal S. Artillery, and Royal Engineers. The *Dilwara* left Southampton on the 9th ult.; Singapore 8th inst.

QUOITING CLUB.

The formation of a Quoiting Club for Hongkong is now taking on the semblance of reality. Messrs. J. Caldwell & Sons, of Kilmarnock, have been communicated with, and they are sending out seven pairs ranging in weight from 6 lbs. to 9 lbs. Mr. J. Caldwell is universally recognised as one of the most if not the most expert manufacturer of quoits; he is also sending out a copy of the rules which govern the game of quoits in Britain, and under these the Hongkong Quoiting Club will be formed. A pitch has been secured on the Happy Valley opposite the Civil Service Cricket Club, and before long the Quoiting Club will be in full swing. The new quoits are expected in about a month's time. Mr. W. S. Hudson has been largely instrumental in getting the movement set a-going. It is not generally known that we have in the Colony several quotters who have made their mark at home. Among the promoters of the Quoiting Club besides Mr. Hudson are Messrs. C. Hoggarth, D. M. McKenzie, C. Callen, and L. E. Brett. Altogether the membership numbers about 20.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to 9.30 p.m. to-night. The programme is as follows:—

March..... "The Belle of Bohemia" Ord Hume
Overture..... "La Reine d'un Jour" Adam
Selection..... "The Silver Slipper" Leslie Stuart
Song..... "The Caterpillar and the Rose" Ed. Carey
Selection..... "Kitty Grey" Monckton
Waltz..... "April Morn'" Batten
Intermezzo..... "Pendant le Bal" Gillet
"God Save the King"

Menu.
Hot D'Guaves
Anchovy Canapes.

Soup.
Birds'-nest.

Fish.
Boiled Garoupa a la Maitelote.

Entrées.
Roasted Chicken a la Fournier
Lamb Cutlets a l'Italienne
Cauliflower au gratin.

Joins.
Roast Sirloin of Beef and Horseradish
Roast Phasant and Bread Sauce

Boiled Corned Leg of Pork and Pease Pudding.

Cold.
Roast Wild Goose.

Salad.
Eggs.
Avocado.
Cream Pie

Strawberry Ice Cream
Topsy Cake
Cherry Tartlets.
Dessert.
Coffee.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

SINGAPORE, 15th January, 1 p.m.

DETENTION OF JAPANESE LINER
AT SINGAPORE.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tamba Marie* has been detained here and awaits instructions from Japan.

[The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's mail steamship *Tamba Marie* is a twin-screw vessel of 6,130 tons gross. She left Hongkong for Europe on the 9th inst.—Ed. D.P.]

THIRD TEST MATCH.

London, 15th January, 7 p.m.

AUSTRALIA'S GOOD START.

The third Test match between the M.C.C. English team and Australia commenced at Adelaide to-day. Australia won the toss and went in first. When stumps were drawn, 272 runs had been scored for only 2 wickets, Trumper scoring 118.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 13th January.

The Japanese reply is expected at St. Petersburg in two or three days.

TREATIES WITH CHINA.

LONDON, 15th January.

A Japanese treaty for the opening of ports in Manchuria has been exchanged at Peking. China has assented to Mr. Conger's request for the immediate signature of a protocol at Washington, to be an equivalent of an exchange of ratifications.

LATER.
The ratifications of the Chinese-American Treaty opening Moukden and Antung have been exchanged at Washington.

THE NEW RUSSIAN SQUADRON.

LONDON, 13th January.

The Russian cruiser *Aurora*, the armoured cruiser *Dmitri Donskoi*, and seven destroyers have arrived at Port Said. The *Dmitri Donskoi* entered the Canal, and the others will follow, on the arrival of the rest of Admiral Urennie's squadron.

GERMAN VIEW OF THE SITUATION.

LONDON, 13th January.

German Government circles, which have hitherto been optimistic, now regard war as a proximate contingency.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ARBITRATION
TREATY.

LONDON, 13th January.

An influential conference of representatives from all parts of the country has been held at Washington to promote the conclusion of an Anglo-American Arbitration treaty.

THE AMOY RIOT.

The *Mercury's* correspondent says that the riot at Amoy on the 7th inst. started between a mob of 3,000 Chinese attending the races and the numerous gambling stands, alongside the race track, and the Indian policemen from Kulangan. It has been proved that the Indian police interfered with the gambling and the women. At one time the mob charged the Grand Stand, and great fear was felt for the ladies and children present, but after a rush was made against them by the foreign gentlemen, armed with sticks and bars the mob scattered and order was restored. The mob pulled up the railings around the track, and used them as weapons. The Chinese officials present at the races did all in their power to quiet the mob, and great credit is due to Capt. Kang Han-chen, who is in charge of the garrison at the back of the Race Track. It was by his promptness in bringing his soldiers on the ground that the ladies and children escaped unhurt, for these soldiers escorted ladies, children and men to their boats. A good many of the foreigners were badly treated by the mob, two of them being seriously injured about their heads. The row was started by the Indian policemen and it is considered by many that the Captain Superintendent did not show sufficient tact in handling his men.

We all know that King Henry I. of England died from feasting excessively on lampreys. A somewhat similar case has lately been reported from Hungary. To win a wager a lad named Nikolaus Gagan, living at Tamasvar, consumed ten pairs of large sausages, 2½ lb. of bacon, and 11 lb. of bread. He won his bet, but died immediately afterwards. The post-mortem examination showed that the heart had burst in consequence of the pressure of the over-distended stomach.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. ARMY AND NAVY XI.

The H.K.C.C. having failed to raise an XI, the I.K.C.C. will play against a combined Army and Navy team to-day, commencing at 12 (noon). The following will be the teams:—
H.K.C.C.—R. E. O. Bird, C. F. S. Cooper, J. T. Dixon, H. Hancock, R. Hancock, A. Mackenzie, E. Mast, J. E. Lee, T. E. Pearce, T. Sercombe Smith, and W. C. D. Turner.
Army & Navy XI.—Com. Watson, R.N., Lieut. Barron, R.N., Sub-Lt. Cornaby, R.N., Lieut. Goldsmith, R.N., Lieut. Chichester, R.N., Major Chichester, D.S.O., Capt. P. G. Davis, A.O.D., Capt. Radcliffe, R.E., Lt. Chesney, R.E., Lt. Heath, 110th Mah., and another.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

The H.K.C.C. Reserves will play H.M.S. *Tamara* in the Happy Valley at 2 p.m. to-day, when the following will represent the former team:—

C. P. Chater, T. C. Gray, G. Grimble, Rev. C. H. Hickling, J. Hooper, G. P. Lammert, H. A. Lammert, N. H. Rutherford, S. A. Seth, P. W. Goldring (captain), and another.

The following will represent the Crickengower C.C. against the R.A.M.C. at 2.15 p.m. to-day:—

A. O. Brawe, L. E. Lammert, E. R. Herton, R. Pestenji, L. A. Rose, J. L. Stuart, J. Craik, T. L. Cross, M. E. Asger, H. C. Auston, and R. Bana.

The following will be the teams in the match Civil Service C.C. v. Persae C.C. on the Persae's ground at 2.15 p.m. to-day:—

Civil Service.—Hon. Dr. Atkinson, R. Ponsanby, G. A. Woodcock, H. T. Jackson, P. T. Lambie, W. H. Woolley, R. W. Mitchell, J. Doreney, F. T. Hobbs, L. E. Brett, and W. Pitt.

Persae.—R. B. Cooper, J. M. Mester, K. D. Mistry, B. K. Mehta, J. A. Chioy, J. H. Ruttonji, C. B. Mowahmud, N. Bejonji, J. D. Norris, D. R. Captain, and J. A. Mehta.

The following will represent the second eleven of the Civil Service C.C. in their match with the Sergeants' Mess of the Royal Artillery on the ground of the former, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp to-day:—

J. A. Wheel (capt.), A. Brown, D. J. McKenzie, H. Knight, W. T. Andrews, W. Parkinson, R. Duncan, W. Galt, S. M. Gidley, J. Huteings, and G. King. G. Gou play (Reserve).

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 15th January.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (JUDGE).

CLAIM BY WATKINS LIMITED.

Mr. G. A. Watkins, of Watkins Limited, sued Captain Tripp, left, an unemployed master mariner, for \$30.80 in respect of goods sold and delivered. Mr. F. X. d'Almada o Castro, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff.

Defendant when called admitted \$18.90 of the amount. But he repudiated the claim for acetated waters. "Why," he said, "I never drink whisky and soda; I always drink it with water."

His Lordship—But you have admitted part of the claim?

Defendant—Yes, your Lordship, but I do not know how I can drink two dozen bottles of soda with one bottle of whisky.

His Lordship said the defendant must pay, and gave judgment accordingly.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 15th January.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

UNWHOLESOME FOOD.

Chan Hok was arrested for hawking food unfit for human consumption in Queen's Road West yesterday morning. The food in question consisted of a basket full of fish which when produced in court as evidence set all present choking. The fish was somewhat more than rotten, and His Worship ordered its speedy removal and destruction, the odour exuding therefrom rendering the atmosphere rather unhealthy. For attempting to sell such stuff for human food His Worship fined the man \$5, with an alternative of 2 months' imprisonment.

POLICE NOTICES.

Ho Wai Pong, a seaman out of employ, was found wandering about trying to sell fifteen metal buttons of the Hongkong Police uniform pattern, being the property of E. O'Sullivan. Charged with being in unlawful possession of the buttons, he had no valid defence to offer and was fined \$5, or 14 days' imprisonment.

ILLICIT OPIUM.

A little ten-year-old lad was charged with being in unlawful possession of a packet of opium. The boy said his parents were dead and he was living with his uncle. He was digging up vegetables in a field when he found the opium, and put it in his pocket to give the owner if he came back for it. The opium did not belong to him. The case was remanded for the presence of the boy's uncle.

DUNK AND INCAPABLE.

William Menhe, a seaman out of employ, Frederick Reynolds, a marine engineer, and William Crocker, a ship's cook, were all charged with being drunk and incapable in the public streets on Thursday night. They admitted the charges against them and each had to pay a fine of \$3.

NOTICE

Communications respecting Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, and other business matters, should be addressed to the Manager, The Hongkong Daily Press, at the Office, 15, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong. Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded. Orders for extra copies of Daily Press should be sent in before 11 a.m. on day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited. Only supplied for Cash. Telegram Address: Press. Codes: A.B.C., 5th Rd. Telephone No. 12.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 16th instant, will be for SPONGES, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Range: 200, 300 and 400 yards. Seven Shots and a Sighter at each Range. M. S. NORTHGOTE, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [35]

TO LET,

BUNGALOW at Kowloon Furnished or Unfurnished, Fitted with Electric Light, with Garden and Tennis Court. Apply to—R. V. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [239]

TO LET,

GROUND and FIRST FLOORS on 60, Hollywood Road, suitable for a Store and Office or Residence. Gas and Water laid on. Apply at—SECOND FLOOR, on the premises. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [240]

THE HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY CO., LD. (In Liquidation.) THE above Company, being in Liquidation, will CEASE baking and supplying Bread, Cakes, etc., after the 31st instant. THE HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY CO., LD. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [241]

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO GOVERNMENT. WANTED. A CHINESE INTERPRETER for the Court in Sandakan. Must speak English, Malay and three or four Chinese dialects, say Fokien, Taichu, Cantonese. Salary \$50.00 per month and house allowance \$10.00 per month. Second Class passage provided to Sandakan. A trial of a few months will be given, and if not satisfactory return passage paid. Apply to—Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Hongkong. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [242]

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO GOVERNMENT. WANTED. A CHINESE SECOND CLERK for the Resident's Office at Kudat. Must speak English. Salary \$50.00 per month and house allowance \$10.00 per month. Second Class passage provided to Kudat. Three months' notice on either side to be given. Apply to—Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Hongkong. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [243]

THE RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR ODESSA. Captain Neumann will leave for the above port on or about SUNDAY, the 21st February. For Freight or Passage, apply to—MELCHERS & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [244]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. "GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS. FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS. THE Steamship "GLENGYLE," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. Goods not cleared by the 22nd inst. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised. Mcgregor Bros. & Gow. Hongkong, 15th January, 1904. [238]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "KINTUCK" are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 15th instant. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 a.m., on the 21st inst. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st inst. will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 15th January, 1904. [10-11]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of JANUARY, 1904, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of Crown Land at Shau-ki-wan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 24th September, 1900, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years. [245]

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
Shau-ki-wan Lot No. 302	Shau-ki-wan	47 ft. 47 ft. 21 ft. 20 ft.	940	6	470

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
Shau-ki-wan Lot No. 301	Shau-ki-wan	51 ft. 51 ft. 21 ft. 20 ft.	1,050	8	625

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 20th JANUARY, 1904, at 11 a.m., at the ORDNANCE DEPOT, Queen's Road East, The Following—

NAVAL ORDNANCE STORES. OLD BRASS, GUNMETAL, COPPER, LEAD, ZINC, STEEL, CAST, WROUGHT and GALVANIZED IRON, LEATHER, GROUND SHEETS, FELT, CANVAS, ROPE, INTRENCHING TOOLS, OLD WOOD, PACKING CASES, BOARDING PILES and AXES STRAPS, TARGET GEAR, EMPTY BOXES, CHESTS and CRATES, &c., &c. Catalogues can be had at the Ordnance Office or from the Auctioneers. Terms of Sale—Cash on delivery. All faults and errors of descriptions at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer. All Lots to be cleared within 48 hours. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [247]

THE RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR DALNY, PORT ARTHUR AND VLADIVOSTOK. THE Russian Steamer "MANCHURIA," Captain Prahl, will be ready to load on or about MONDAY, the 1st February. For Freight or Passage, apply to—MELCHERS & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [248]

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN AND BALTIC PORTS. THE Danish Steamer "PRINS VALDEMAR," Captain Koch, will leave for the above ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February. For Freight or Passage, apply to—MELCHERS & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [249]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS and CHINA OVERLAND TRADEREPORT is now ready and contains—The N. rthern Crisis. The Trade of Yunnan. The London School of Tropical Medicine. Hongkong Jottings. Hongkong Sanitary Board. Japan and Russia. The China Association and the Fiscal Question. Trouble on the Canton-Patshan Railway. The Fiscal Question. Fire in Hongkong Harbour. Canton. Port Arthur. Korean Notes. Correspondence. Supreme Court. Cricket. V.R.C. Four-Our Races. Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. Royal Hongkong Golf Club. Hongkong Chess Club. Hongkong and Port News. Commercial. Shipping. Subscription, \$12 per annum, payable in advance; postage, \$2. Extra copies 30 cents each, Cash. Copies can be post-ordered from the Office to addresses sent; including postage 34 cents each, or \$1 for three copies, Cash. Hongkong, 15th January, 1904. [250]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI. THE Company's Steamship "HAIMUN," Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 18th inst., at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to—DOUGLAS LAPEAUX & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 15th January, 1904. [237]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at MANILA, TINOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.) THE Steamship "EMPIRE," Captain Holm, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 12th February, at Noon. This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light. A stewardess and a duly qualified surgeon are carried. N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers, the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms. For Freight or Passage, apply to—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [250]

NOTICE. THE date of Closing of Entries for the FORTHCOMING RACES has been postponed from the 9th JANUARY to TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 16th. By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [3580]

NOTICE. IT has been suggested that a plebiscite should be taken to ascertain the views of British subjects residing in Hongkong on the Fiscal Policy now being advocated by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, and accordingly persons interested are invited to record their opinions in the Chamber of Commerce Room at the City Hall on or before 4 o'clock in the afternoon of TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 16th instant. Dated the 11th January, 1904. C. P. CHATER, EDWARD A. HEWETT, WEI A YUK, G. STEWART, HO KAI, O. W. JACKSON, H. E. POLLOCK, VICTOR H. DEACON. WANTED. [206]

ENGLISH SPEAKING GIRL to take charge of Little Boy during Weekday Afternoons. Apply—P. O. Box No. 58, Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [173]

HOUSE at the Peak for the Summer Months. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 15th January, 1904. [229]

PHILIPPINES. GENTLEMAN, many years residence there, thorough knowledge import and export business, is open to represent Firms in these Islands. Every satisfaction guaranteed. Apply—Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [188]

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. WENDT & COMPANY, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchants, have on the 19th day of October, 1903, applied for the Registration in the Hongkong Register of TRADE MARKS of the following TRADE MARKS. 1. "A female head and shoulders wearing a hat and dressed in the modern fashion, enclosed in a circular border containing the Chinese Hong name of Messrs. Wendt & Company." 2. "A Parrot seated on the branch of a tree holding in its right claw a fruit; beneath the Parrot is an ornament with Mauresque design." The TRADE MARK No. 1 has been used by the applicants since 1896 in class 32 in respect of the following goods:—Silk ribbons. The TRADE MARK No. 2 has been used by the applicants since 1902 in class 23 (b) in respect of the following goods:—Cotton on reels. A Facsimile of the TRADE MARKS can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong. DEACON & HASTINGS, Solicitors for Messrs. Wendt & Co., The applicants. Hongkong, 16th November, 1903. [3169]

PURE FRESH WATER. THE HONGKONG STEAM WATERBOAT CO., LD., is prepared to supply ANY QUANTITY of PURE FRESH WATER to the Shipping, both for Deck and Boilers. Call Flag W. J. W. KEW, Manager. 1st Floor, 37, Connaught Road. Hongkong, 13th June, 1903. [3345]

NOTICE OF FIRM. THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between myself and Mr. JOHN HASTINGS having been dissolved by effluxion of time, my business will in future be carried on under the Firm name of DEACON LOOKER and DEACON. VICTOR H. DEACON, 10, Queen's Road. Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [117]

ENTERTAINMENT

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

A CONCERT followed by a lighthearted farce "TICKLISH TIMES" will be given at the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), JANUARY 16th, 1904, commencing at 9 p.m. Prices:—Dress Circle \$3. Stalls \$2. Pit \$1. Reserved Seats may be booked at RUBINSON PIANO CO., on and after JANUARY 11th, 1904. Under the patronage of H.E. Mr. MAY, C.M.G., H.E. Major-General V. HATTON, C.B., and Rear-Admiral ROBINSON. Hongkong, 6th January, 1904. [143]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB. 1. It is proposed to organize one Dance to be given at the City Hall on TUE-DAY, the 9th FEBRUARY. 2. The Dance will be open to the Public, and its object is to raise money towards the cost of a projected new Pavilion. 3. The subscription will be \$15, but no dance will be organized unless at least 150 gentlemen subscribe. 4. The hours of dancing will be from 9.15 p.m. to 12.30 a.m., and light refreshments will be served during the dance. 5. Married subscribers will be entitled to bring either their wives and the members of their families who are not members or subscribers of the H.K.C.C., or their wives and one other guest who is not a member or subscriber of the H.K.C.C. 6. Bachelor subscribers (including married gentlemen whose wives and families are not in the Colony) will be entitled to bring two guests, not being members or subscribers of the H.K.C.C. 7. Additional guests may be invited on payment of 25 cents for each guest. 8. Gentlemen who have already subscribed to the abandoned series of three dances will be considered to have subscribed to the Dance on 9th February, unless an intimation to the contrary is received by either of the undersigned on or before 26th January, 1904. 9. Gentlemen intending to subscribe will oblige by sending their names with the names of their guests to either of the undersigned on or before 26th January, 1904, at the Hongkong Club. T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Chairman of Dance Sub-Committee. T. C. GRAY, Hon. Sec. of Dance Sub-Committee. Hongkong, 14th January, 1904. [227]

MUSIC. RAPID Tuition given on the BANJO, MANDOLIN, SPANISH GUITAR, VIOLIN, &c. Terms moderate. L. A. DE GRACA, 55, Peel Street, or Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 11th August, 1903. [35]

DANCING. MRS. DONALDSON (Daughter of Professor F. F. WALLACE, of Remount Dancing Academy, Glasgow) has pleasure in advertising a SECOND BEGINNERS' CLASS to open in the CITY HALL shortly. Practice twice weekly... Fee \$10 a month. Address—51, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD. (Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [103])

QUAN WAH & CO., GRANITE MERCHANT CONTRACTORS, Dealers in MARBLE and GRANITE MONUMENTS. No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST. Estimates, Designs & Prices on Application. All descriptions of Granite for Export. Hongkong, 17th October, 1903. [251]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY. HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON. On and after the 1st January, 1904, commencing with the "COROMANDEL" from Hongkong on 12th January, and Hongkong on 16th January, the Passage Rates will be by Mail steamers:—First Saloon Second Saloon To London To Marseilles To Brindisi Return tickets are issued at a fare and a half available for 2 years. The proposed sailings are:—Departure from Hongkong Connecting at Colombo S.S. Coromandel January 16th S.S. Hindia S.S. Bengal January 30th S.S. India S.S. Malta February 13th S.S. Moldavia S.S. Chusan February 27th S.S. Aroclia S.S. Ballarat March 12th S.S. Australia S.S. Coromandel March 26th S.S. Oceana S.S. Simla April 9th S.S. Mongolia S.S. Bengal April 23rd S.S. China S.S. Malta May 7th S.S. Himalaya S.S. Chusan May 21st S.S. Marmora Good accommodation can be arranged on booking in the connecting steamers at Colombo, which now include the new steamers Moldavia, Mongolia and Marmora. INTERMEDIATE STEAMERS. The revised rates of passage by these steamers are now: To London 1st Saloon £50, 2nd Saloon £25. Return tickets available for 2 years can now be issued at a fare and a half. Return tickets available for two years are also issued home by Intermediate and out by Mail steamer or vice versa. Rates on application. When these steamers call at Marseilles, tickets can be issued to that port at £46 First Saloon £33 Second Saloon E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 11th January, 1903. [3240]

CARTRIDGES. IMPORTED EVERY MONTH, THEREFORE ALWAYS FRESH. ELEY'S, SCHULTZ'S, AMBERITE and KYNOK'S SPORTING CARTRIDGES 8, 10, 12, 16, and 20 BORE, and NEWCASTLE CHILLED SHOT in all Sizes, Nos. 10 to 888G. AIR GUNS and AMMUNITION in Variety. WM. SCHMIDT & CO. Hongkong, 28th November, 1902. [11]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LD.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, 14, Des Voeux Road, on THIS DAY (SATURDAY), the 16th JANUARY, 1904, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 13th January, 1904, to SATURDAY, the 16th January, 1904, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [130]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 15th JANUARY, to WEDNESDAY, the 20th JANUARY (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered. By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited. General Agents for the KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED. Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [145]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th JANUARY, 1904, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 16th JANUARY, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th JANUARY (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. General Agents for THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD. Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [182]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 16th JANUARY, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th JANUARY (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary. Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [103]

AUTOMATIC MAUSER PISTOLS. CALIBRE 7.63 mm. WITH CHAMBER for 10 CARTRIDGES FIRING 10 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS. SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 3rd October, 1900. [54]

AMOI ENGINEERING CO., LD, AMOI CALL FLAG E. REPAIR WORK to Steamers and Launches. Castings in Brass and Iron Moderate charges. Work solicited. J. D. EDWARDS, Manager. Amoy, 3rd December, 1903. [87]

COLD STORAGE. THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LD., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be open at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Sundays excepted to receive and deliver perishable goods. WM. FARLANE, Manager. Hongkong, 14th November, 1901. [57]

YING KEE, REFRESHMENT CONTRACTOR and CATERER. Ball Suppers, Dance Suppers, Picnics, Luncheons, and At Homes Catered for. Gallery, Crockery, and Table Linen on hire. For Terms, apply to—YING KEE, (First Floor) 50, Des Voeux Road Central. Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [3434]

AUCTION. PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on TUESDAY, the 19th JANUARY, 1904, at 2.30 p.m., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road (Corner of Ice House Street), SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—WARDROBES, DINING TABLE, IRON BEDSTEPS, ONE SILK TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, GLASSWARE, CUTLERY and CROCKERY and ONE CARPET, &c., &c. TERMS—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 15th January, 1904. [231]

FOR SALE. THE BUSINESS of an Old-Established Mercantile Firm in Hongkong, including name, Goodwill, and Office Furniture. Apply, by letter, to—BUSINESS, Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [295]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS. EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. RUTTONJEE'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 36, Elgin Road. Price 15 cents per copy cash. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [3518]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 16th JANUARY, 1904, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, A CONSIGNMENT of JAPANESE PORCELAIN. TERMS—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 15th January, 1904. [236]

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 16th JANUARY, 1904, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, AN ASSORTMENT of JAPANESE CURIOS, OLD SATSUMA, SILVER CLOISONNE, BRONZES, ANTIMONY FIGURES, IVORY CARVINGS, ALBUMS, KAGA TEA SETS, &c., &c. TERMS OF SALE—As Customary. V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [202]

PUBLIC AUCTION. PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of JANUARY, 1904, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of Crown Land at Shau-ki-wan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal, at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years. [194]

PUBLIC AUCTION. PARTICULARS OF THE LOT. No. of Lot. Locality. Boundary Measurements. Contents in Square Feet. Annual Rent. Upset Price. Island Lot No. 1711. South of Island. 347 ft. 240 ft. 170 ft. 102,407 sq. ft. 278 10,000. [1711]

PUBLIC AUCTION. TO BE SOLD BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE, on FRIDAY, the 22nd day of JANUARY, 1904, at 3 o'clock at their SALES ROOMS, Ice House Street, Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, The following VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY in two Lots:—Lot 1.—THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD MESSUAGES and PREMISES known as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Ping On Lane situated on Island Lot No. 168, which are held for the residue of a term of 940 years created by the Crown Lease thereof, Crown Rent \$22. Lot 2.—THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD MESSUAGES and PREMISES known as Nos. 25 and 27, Morrison Hill Road and Nos. 33 and 35, Bowring Street, situated on the Remaining Portion of Island Lot No. 1813, which are held for the residue of a term of 996 years created by the Crown Lease thereof, Crown Rent \$31.50. For further particulars apply to Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, or to DENNYS & BOWLEY, Supreme Court House, Solicitors for the Mortgagee. Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [203]

PUBLIC AUCTION. MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1904, at the HILLIER STREET WHARF, Hongkong (at 12 noon), THE S.S. "SAN CHEUNG," This vessel is a Twin screw steamer of the following dimensions and tonnage:—Length over all 200 feet; Breadth at deck level 33 feet; Depth of hold 9 feet; gross tonnage 951 tons; Net tonnage 770 tons. She is fitted throughout with electric light and holds a Hongkong Passengers' Certificate, and can carry 1,100 Chinese and 250 European passengers. The vessel is to be sold with all apparatus, engines, machinery, furniture, glass, crockery, ware, and gear, inventories of which can be seen, and particulars and conditions of sale can be obtained at the offices of JOHN HASTINGS, Esquire, the Vendors' Solicitor, No. 2, Wyndham Street, or of Messrs. CARMICHAEL and CLARKE, Consulting Engineers, or of Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT, the Auctioneer. Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [204]

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAK LING"	On 9th February.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 15th February.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MENEIAUS"	On 21st February.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"RHIFEUS"	On 27th February.	

FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.	
LIVERPOOL with TRANS SHIPMENT at SINGAPORE	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.	
LONDON and ANTWERP	"NESTOR"	On 2nd February.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 16th February.	
LONDON and ANTWERP	"KEEMUN"	On 18th February.	
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For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS. [10-11]

Hongkong, 15th January, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

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MANILA, NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"FOOCHOW"	On 18th Jan., 4 P.M.	
SAMARANG & SOERABAYA	"SHANTUNG"	On 19th January.	
MANILA	"WUCHANG"	On 19th January.	
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COCKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"SUNGKIANG"	On 20th January.	
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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"KEEMUN,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 12th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M., on the 18th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 11th January, 1904. [10-11]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KAMAKURA MARU"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-DAY, 14th inst.

Goods not cleared before the 21st inst. will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same sent to this Office before the 24th inst., or claims in connection therewith will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 15th January, 1904. [23]

STEAMSHIP "ERNEST SIMONS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London or via

Madagascar and Ceylon, from Havre or via

Colon, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Optimum, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 2 P.M. To-DAY, the 12th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter, Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 19th January, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 19th January, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 19th January, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent, Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [2]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "MACDUFF,"

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

CONSIGNEES of General Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, To-DAY, the 13th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents, Hongkong, 13th January, 1904. [223]

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Books containing stamps of the following denominations may be obtained at the counter of General Post Office for \$1.00

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Letters and Post cards are now received for transmission to Europe via Dally and the Trans-Siberian Railway, and should be marked accordingly. No printed matter can be accepted. Unpaid letters intended to go by this route should be posted not later than the Wednesday in each week, so as to catch the fast Russian Boat from Shanghai to Dally which leaves Shanghai every Sunday.

The Mail with the English Mail of 18th inst. left Singapore on Monday, the 11th inst. at 6 a.m. and may be expected here this evening. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 14th November.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Shanghai	Kintak	Saturday, 16th, 8.00 A.M.
Manila	Zephyr	Saturday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
Hongkong	M. Struce	Saturday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
Kobe and San Francisco	Algon	Saturday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, India via Tutuila		Saturday, 16th, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail)		
(Extra Postage 10 cents)		
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)		
Manila	Heungshan	Saturday, 16th, 1.15 P.M.
Straits and Calcutta	A. Apear	Saturday, 16th, 2.00 P.M.
Manila	Andi	Saturday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Kongmoon, Kunchuk and Samsul	Sa. Yag	Saturday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Namtau	Trichun	Saturday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanhao	Hofu	Saturday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila	Wingchui	Saturday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow	Hatun	Saturday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Rangoon	Ely	Saturday, 16th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Daji Maru	Sunday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Sourabaya	Huron	Sunday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Hatun	Monday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
Niepo and Shanghai	Foochow	Monday, 18th, 2.00 P.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Laitung	Tuesday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Hiole	Wingchui	Tuesday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Samarang and Sourabaya	Shanlung	Tuesday, 19th, 4.00 P.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Gisela	Tuesday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Hongkong and San Francisco	China	Tuesday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Straits and Rangoon	Vindobona	Wednesday, 20th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, India via Tutuila		Wednesday, 20th, 10.00 A.M.
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Manila	Buyers	Wednesday, 20th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Sungliang	Wednesday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Rosetta Maru	Thursday, 21st, 10.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Sale, Field Spun, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes & Hough 11 a.m.
Sole, Japanese Porcelain, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lammet, noon.
Spoons Competition, Hongkong Rifle Association, 2.30 p.m.
Sole, Japanese Curio, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.
Fiscal Policy, Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 4 p.m.
Concert, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.	15th January.
Telegraphic Transfer	110 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	110 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	110 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	110 1/2
Credit, at 4 months sight	110 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	110 1/2
ON PARIS.	15th January.
Bank Bills, on demand	233 1/2
Credit, at 4 months sight	237
ON GERMANY.	15th January.
On demand	100
ON NEW YORK.	15th January.
Bank Bills, on demand	45 1/2
Credit, 60 days sight	45 1/2
ON BOMBAY.	15th January.
Telegraphic Transfer	137 1/2
Bank on demand	137 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.	15th January.
Telegraphic Transfer	137 1/2
Bank on demand	137 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.	15th January.
Bank, at sight	71 1/2
Private, 30 days sight	72 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA.	15th January.
On demand	Nominal.
ON MANILA.	15th January.
On demand	Nominal.
ON SINGAPORE.	15th January.
On demand	Nominal.
ON BATAVIA.	15th January.
On demand	14 p.m.
ON HONGKONG.	15th January.
On demand	14 p.m.
ON BANGKOK.	15th January.
On demand	64
ON SOERABAYA.	15th January.
Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.75
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola	857
SILVER, per oz.	27 1/2

OPTIM.

Quotations are—	Allow 1 cent to 1 penny
Malaya New	\$920 to \$970 per picul
Malaya Old	\$940 to \$1010
Malaya Y. Old	\$1030 to \$1050
Malaya Y. Old	\$1070 to \$1100
Perian fine quality	\$10 to "
Perian extra fine	\$920 to "
Patana New	\$1255 to " per chest
Patana Old	" to "
Bonares New	\$1255 to "
Bonares Old	" to "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. steamer *Malta* left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst. at 6 a.m., and is due here to-day, at about 5 p.m.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* arrived at Nagasaki at 8.30 a.m. on the 15th inst., and left again at 3 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 10 p.m. on the 16th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The steamer *Lightning*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 13th inst. p.m.

The Indo-China steamer *Kunming* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 9th inst., and may be expected here on the 26th inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Imperial German mail steamer *Bayern* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 11th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on the 19th inst.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Gera* left Colombo on the 10th inst. a.m., and may be expected here on the 22nd inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. & C. steamer *Doric* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, etc., on the 22nd ult.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The A.L. steamer *Gisela* left Singapore for this port on the 9th inst. a.m.

The A.L. steamer *Vindobona* left Kobe via Moji for this port on the 11th inst.

The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer *Wynaric* left Moji on the 13th inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 15th January.

STOCKS.	No. OF SHARES.	ISSUE VALUE.	PAID UP.	LAST DIVIDEND.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	30-div. at 1/8=\$18.00 per share for 1st half-year ended 30-6-1903	\$54 1/2, buyers.
Commercial Bank of China, Ltd.	26,010 A	210	28	3/4 per share	\$35, buyers.
Union Bank of China, Ltd.	14,443 B	210	28	3/4 at 1/7=\$1.963	\$35, buyers.
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd.	750,000	21	21	None	\$10.
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Union Ins. Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$100	40 p. ct.=\$20 for 1901	\$100, sellers.
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	10 p. ct. for 1902	\$5, sellers.
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	215	25	Final of 21=making 100	Tls. 69.
Yangtze Ins. Assocn., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$50	32 1/2 p. ct. for 1901	\$135.
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	15 p. ct. for 1902	\$175.
FIRE INSURANCES.					
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$22 1/2 for 1901	\$400.
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$50	15 p. ct. for 1901	\$22 1/2.
SHIPPING.					
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao S. S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1.50 for half year ended 30-6-1903	\$81.
Indo-China S. S. Co., Ltd.	60,000	210	210	5 per cent. for 1902 at 1/8	\$72.
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$50	\$50	10 p. ct. for 1901	\$16, sales.
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	\$50	6 per cent. for year ending 30-6-1903	\$30, sellers.
Star Ferry Co., Limited	30,000	\$10	\$10	12 per cent. for year ended 30-4-1903	\$30, sales.
Well Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	21	21	Int. div. of 6 p. share (coupon No. 3) on account of 1902	\$14, sellers.
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	Fin. of 7 p. making a total of 12 p. for 1901	\$103, sellers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$3 for 1897	\$0, sellers.
MINING.					
Union Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$11	\$11	None	\$1, sellers.
Do. Preference	30,000	\$1	\$1	Fin. div. of 2 p. share on account of 1901	25 cts.
Compagnie Fran. des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	\$250	\$250	1 p. share=\$4 cts.	\$600, sellers.
Raaf. Protestantism Gold Mining Co., Limited	200,000	21	18 1/2	12th div.	\$0, sellers.
DOCKS, WHARVES, &c.					
Hongkong and Wharves Company, Limited	50,000	\$50	\$50	12 p. ct. for half year 30-6-1903	\$28, sellers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$50	\$50	Int. div. of 2 1/2 p. share for 1903	\$95, sales.
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$2 1/2 for 1902	\$38, buyers.
S.C. Farman, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	8 per cent. final div.	Tls. 122, buyers.
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.					
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	Int. div. of \$8 per share for 1903	\$157, buyers.
Kowloon Land & B. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$23.30 per share for 1902	\$38, buyers.
West Point B. Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$50	\$50	Int. div. of \$1.50 per share for 1903	\$52 1/2.
HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.	12,000	\$50	\$50	12 p. ct. for half year ended 30-6-1903	\$147.
Humphreys Estate & Fin. Company, Limited	100,000	\$10	\$10	90 p. ct. per share for 1902	\$11, buyers.
Shanghai Land	52,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Int. div. of 6 p. c. account 1903	Tls. 107.
COTTON MILLS.					
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	34 p. ct. for period ending 31-10-1903	Tls. 33, sellers.
International Cotton Mfg. Company, Limited	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	3 p. ct. on account of 1903	Tls. 22 1/2, buyers.
Laun-king-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	5,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	4 p. ct. on account of '98 on 6,000 shares	Tls. 37 1/2, sales.
Soy Chee Cotton Spin. Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	4 p. ct. for period ending 31-12-1903	Tls. 170, sales.
Hongkong Cotton Spin. Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	20 p. ct. for 1902	\$115, sales & buyers.
Weaving and Dyemng Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	Int. div. of 10 p. ct. for year end 31-12-1903	\$144, sales & buyers.
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	100,000	\$10	\$10	12 p. ct. for 1902	\$244, buyers.
China-Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$12	\$12	First year	\$81, buyers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	Int. div. of 50 cts. per share on 1903	\$124, sales & buyers.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$10	\$10	50 cents year 30-4-1903	\$7, sellers.
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited	7,000	210	210	10 p. ct. div. & 1 p. ct. bonus for 1903	\$140, buyers.
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	\$50	20 p. ct. for 1902	\$145, buyers.
Geo. Fawcett & Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$25	\$25	15 p. ct. for 1902	\$60, sales & buyers.
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$25	\$25	Int. div. of \$4 per share for 1903	\$242 1/2, sellers.
Hk. High-Level Tramway Company, Limited	1,250	\$100	\$100	\$18 for year ended 30-11-1902	\$303.
Hk. Steam Water-boat Co., Limited	7,500	\$10	\$10	Final of 6 p. cent. making in all 12 p. per cent. for year 30-9-1903	\$152, buyers.
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	14 for year ended 31-7-1903	\$124, buyers.
C. Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	1,200	\$10	\$10	25 p. ct. for 1902	\$40.
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12 1/2	12 1/2	None	\$5, sellers.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	5,000 ordy.	\$10	\$10	10 cts. 1 p. share for year 30-6-1903	\$20, buyers.
Tobacco Planting Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	\$5	None	nominal
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	50 cents for year ending 31-12-1902	\$9.80, buyers.
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. for 1902	\$72, sales.
The China Light & Power Company, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	None	\$5
William Powell, Limited	12,500	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. for year ending 30-9-1903	\$20.40, buyers.
Shanghai Hongkong Dry-cleaning & Finishing Co., Ltd.	1,200	\$50	\$50	First Year	\$50.
Canton-Hongkong Ice and Cold Storage Society, Ltd.	7,000	\$10	\$10	None	\$10, nominal.
Cigar Alhambra, Limited	800	\$500	\$500	25 p. c. for year 30-4-1903	\$263.
Co.'s (Philippine Co., Ltd.)	67,500	\$10	\$10	None	\$10

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Tokyo	"	29.87	—	—	NW	2	—
Kobe	"	29.89	—	—	NW	2	—
Yokohama	"	29.90	—	—	NW	6	—
Kagoshima	"	30.03	—	—	N	6	—
Oshima	"	30.8	—	—	N	8	—
Naha	"	30.09	—	—	N	6	—
Ishigakijima	"	30.05	—	—	NW	6	—
Taichu	1 p.	30.07	—	—	S	4	—
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Tainan	"	30.00	—	—	N	6	—
Keelung	"	30.08	—	—	NE	6	—
Wenhau	"	30.01	—	—	N	8	—
Pescadore	"	30.05	—	—	N	6	—
Wuhsaiwei	3 p.	30.25	29	—	NW	1	—
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Sharp Peak	"	30.13	67	73	NNE	0	b
Amoy	2.30 p.	30.13	67	69	NNE	0	b
Swatow	3 p.	30.08	73	72	N	0	b
Canton	"	30.07	69	74	E	1	c
Hongkong	4 p.	30.02	69	74	E	1	c
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NOTES FROM THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

There is a *Bauhinia* tree in full flower near the deer-pond which presents special interest. In the first place it is one of the fewest and most persistently flowering trees in the gardens, and its origin in the Colony moreover is mysterious. A tree was discovered some 22 years ago growing in the woods on the south-west side of the island by Frère Joseph of the Pukfulum Sanatorium, who took a cutting for the Sanatorium garden and most kindly gave a cutting from the resulting tree to the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department a few years ago for the Botanic Gardens. The fact that no ripe fruit ever produced upon it points to an exotic origin, but so far all efforts to identify it with any known species of other countries have failed. Plants seldom appear in gardens before they are known to the botanical world, but this *Bauhinia* may form an exception and represent a new species growing in some other tropical country where it is as yet unknown and unnamed.

One of the showiest croppers in the gardens is *Bignonia venusta*, which is just coming into bloom. The flowers are nearly 3 inches long, tubular, bright orange in colour, and copiously produced at the ends of the young growths. There is a fine specimen growing on another of the aviary in the old garden and another on the terrace at the rosebed. The plant strikes readily from cuttings and these should be taken after it has finished flowering. It is a native of Brazil and has been known in England since 1816.

There are several species of orchids in flower in the No. 10 house in the nursery near the office.

THE FIRST SECTION OF THE BAGHDAD RAILWAY.

[FROM A BERLIN CORRESPONDENT.]

The recently announced understanding arrived at by the European capitalists assures the expedition building of the railway from Konak to Ereki. This section of the railway is 120 miles long, or about one-fifth of the already existing Anatolian Railway. In the course of the year 1905 traffic on this route is, according to the agreement with the Sublime Porte, to be opened. As German capitalists have taken the lead in this engineering enterprise, the construction of the railroad was given to a German firm, Messrs. Philipp Holzmann and Company, of Frankfurt-on-Main, which firm, it will be remembered, were the chief contractors for the Anatolian Railways. For the superintendence of the construction the services of the well-known railway engineer, Mr. Mackinson, have been secured. While the new line will pass for miles through a desert, it is a matter of history that, in ancient times, agriculture flourished in these regions. As in the case of the regions traversed by the Anatolian Railway, it is naturally expected that, with better means of transportation, the tilling of the soil and rearing of cattle will be revived. The engineering difficulties of this section are not considered to be very great, but will probably be somewhat greater when the projected extension to Adana and the Taurus Mountains is commenced, as beyond that range the climatic conditions and the levelness of the Bedouin tribes will cause considerable inconveniences and interruptions. But probably in time, with the advance of the railroad, the old canals used for irrigation will be restored, for it is in these regions that the land was so fertile as to fill the ancient Greeks with wonder, the higher level of the Tigris river greatly facilitating the work of distribution of water. Where now, practically, the desert reigns supreme, paddy fields and cotton plantations will yield rich crops. And thus it is the promising returns expected from the transportation of new agricultural products, more than the already existing wealth in metallic ore, and kerosene oil wells that attracts European capital to these long neglected regions of ruin and desolation. It is fifteen years since the Turkish Government granted the first concession for building a railway from Ismid to Angora, and the whole system of the Anatolian railway, covering 640 miles, grew out of that concession, bringing about a very satisfactory economic development of the internal vitals of Asia Minor. Whether the projected Baghdad railway will produce similar results depends, to a great extent, on the political factors in the fate of European Turkey.

THE TIBET EXPEDITION AND RUSSIAN INTRIGUES.

Some details are now filtering through from India as to the secret reasons which are, no doubt, at the back of the Indian Government's advance into Tibet. Russian intrigues are said to have been at work for some time past, and has found a staunch supporter in the Taranah Lama, who exercises considerable power throughout Mongolia, and derives his spiritual authority from Ghessa. At the same time friendly messages have been exchanged between St. Petersburg and Lhasa. In 1899 a Russian agent of Mongolian birth visited the Daini Lama, and next year a Tibetan Mission, the head of which was officially described as "the senior Taniite Khamba attached to the Daini Lama of Tibet," was received in audience with great ceremony by the Tsar at Livadia. In 1901 a second Tibetan Mission was despatched to Russia, and this was given a warm welcome by the Tsar at Peterhoff. It was escorted back by a military detachment, in which were included a number of special intelligence officers. Finally rumour credited a "scientific" exploring party with an escort of Cossacks with having reached Lhasa last summer, and the Pioneer hints that a Russian Resident may already be installed there. The

general end in view is supposed to be the gradual Russification of Kashgaria and Tibet on the principle so successfully adopted in North-Eastern Persia, as a counterpoise to the Anglo-Japanese Treaty. We have definite agreements with both Russia and Tibet, which should have proved a bar to the possibility of any such intrigues. The Pamir Boundary Treaty imposes strict limitations on Russian expansion to the East; while, as far as Tibet is concerned, General Graham's small expedition of 1893, which defeated a Tibetan force and crossed into the Chumbi Valley, resulted in the convention of 1890, which bound China and Tibet to facilitate trade across the Sikkim frontier. The provisions of that Convention have never been carried out, and the Indian Government, roused no doubt by secret information as to Russian activity, is now taking active steps to enforce them. If the Pioneer is rightly informed, Russian aggression has followed exactly the same lines as forced on the Second Afghan War, when a Russian mission was received at Kabul at the same time as a British mission, under Sir Neville Chamberlain and Sir Louis Cavagnari, was stopped in the Khyber Pass. But there would be as much danger in allowing Russia to establish herself in Tibet as in Afghanistan. It is true that those mountain solitudes can never become the main route of an invasion of India; but where Colonel Younghusband's troops can penetrate in one direction, bodies of Russian troops could penetrate in the reverse direction, and we should never be safe from annoying demonstrations at critical moments. The Indian Government, however, seems determined to preserve Tibet as a "buffer state"; its position is a strong one, as it is strictly within its treaty rights; and if Russia takes overt action now, Lhasa is 1,500 miles from her advanced posts in Fergana.

With reference to the good advice given by Nepal to Tibet the Allahabad Pioneer quotes the second article of the treaty of 1886 between the two countries, which runs as follows:—"The States of Gurkha and Tibet have both borne allegiance to the Emperor of China up to the present time. The country of Tibet is merely the shrine or place of worship of the Lama, for which reason the Gurkha Government will in future give all the assistance that may be in its power to the Government of Tibet, if the troops of any other Raja invade that country."

In the preamble to the treaty occurred the following specific reference to China:—"We further agree that the Emperor of China it to be obeyed by both States as before, and that the two States are to treat each other like brothers, for so long as their actions correspond with the spirit of this treaty." It is, therefore, highly significant that Nepal regards the present proceedings of the Indian Government as being thoroughly justified.

Some details are also given as to the road which will probably be followed by Colonel Younghusband's force, and the course of action to be pursued. Khamba Jhong, where the passes leading to it will be closed during the winter, and it is for that reason that the Chumbi Valley is the finest wintering place that could be found at such an altitude, being described as a species of Himalayan Engadine, and an ideal sanatorium for Europeans. Between Khamba Jhong and Chumbi lies the Jelep Pass, which is 14,390 feet high, and will shortly be closed by snow. From Chumbi to Gyantse, the second town in Tibet, and the ultimate object of the mission, is 110 miles; and from Gyantse to Lhasa itself is another 144 miles. It is probable, however, that no advance further than the Chumbi Valley will take place until the spring comes round. That any move at all should have been taken at such an inclement season of the year is strong evidence that the Indian Government considered there was urgent need of haste.

Daily Chronicle.

A NEW FRENCH PRETENDER.

Paris seems to have been amused by the appearance recently of a new Pretender, who evidently is not to be taken too seriously. A Paris correspondent writes:—"Quite a flutter of excitement has been caused by the issue of a manifesto proclaiming a new pretender to the throne of France. The circular announcing the news emanates from a body of men calling themselves the national committee of the great Royal Party of France and puts forward as claimant to the Royal title a general serving in the Spanish army, Don Francis de Bourbon, Duke of Anjou, descendant of a grandson of Louis XIV. The French people are called upon to form a new party, with this ambitious soldier at its head, the object being to save the country from its present rulers and to place a worthy monarch on the throne. The signatures appended to the delightful impudent manifesto comprise a number of men of title, generals and colonels, literary men and journalists, deputies and ex-deputies. M. Lesies, the well-known Bonapartist deputy for Gers, took steps, as soon as he was aware that he was among the signatories, to disavow his adherence to the new party, stating in the Chamber that, sooner than see the Duke of Anjou installed as ruler, he would support M. Combes the Premier, and die for the Republic. Others whose names were used have also, since written to the newspapers to state that their signatures were either used without their knowledge or obtained by fraudulent means, and the Pretender himself, either from fear of proceedings on the part of the Government in whose service he is or from the fact that he has concluded that the movement was premature, has stated that he was not responsible for the publication of the document. There the matter rests for the present.

THE PEKIN SYNDICATE, LTD.

The directors last month issued a circular giving a general statement of the work done on railway and collieries since December, 1902, to date of the most recent advices from China. The railway starts from Taokon, on the Wei River, and runs along an easy country to Tawang, 75½ miles distant, where a branch of about four miles in length will take off to the Jameison Colliery. All the earthworks, most of the bridging and station buildings on the length to Tawang are completed, rails have been laid, a part of the ballasting has been done, and construction trains are now running along the whole length. A satisfactory site for the location of collieries in the Chingwa coalfield was selected by the chief mining engineer (Mr. Alexander Reid), and shafts are now being sunk, on which fair progress has been made. A great deal of water has been met in the sinking, and it was necessary to send out additional pumping machinery in order to cope with it. The machinery has arrived by now, and is probably erected and at work. In respect to this field, Mr. Reid writes that he is glad to be able to say that there is, fortunately, every evidence of absence of faulting and of an unbroken coalfield of enormous extent in Honan itself within the sphere of the Honan agreement. The difficulties of unwatering will probably delay the completion of the large shafts, but another shaft is now being sunk about a mile to the west of the Jameison, from which it is fully expected coal will be won before the larger shafts are ready. Some trials have been made in China on locomotives and marine boilers with the Honan coal, and the results have been generally satisfactory. A great feature of this coal is that there is an entire absence of smoke during combustion, its value as a fuel for naval purposes is therefore evident. With the view of consolidating British interests in the Yangtze Valley, an agreement has been entered into with the British and Chinese Corporation, Limited, under which all concessions for railways north of the Yangtze River hitherto obtained or yet to be obtained by the British and Chinese Corporation, Limited, shall be joint; that is, such railways will be financed, constructed, and worked on equal terms by the two parties. The railway now under construction by the Pekin Syndicate from the Wei River, in Honan, to Tse-chou or other point in the Province of Shansi, is not, however, included in this agreement, nor does it extend to or affect the position occupied by the British and Chinese Corporation under the Northern Railway loan agreement. Official intimation has been received from His Majesty's Foreign Office that an arrangement has been come to with the Chinese Government under which the syndicate's railway from Taokon, in Honan, to Tse-chou, in Shansi, is to receive a guarantee from the Chinese Government on similar terms to those granted to the Russo-Chinese Bank for the Cheong-fu to Tai-yuan-fu Railway. The syndicate's agent in China (Mr. George Jamieson, C.M.G.) is now engaged in drawing up the terms of the guarantee with H.E. Sheng (Director-General of Chinese Railways).

THE TRIALS OF THE "LIBERTAD."

The *Libertad*, battleship, which was built by Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim for the Chilean navy and has since been purchased by the Admiralty, completed her official trials on the 5th ult. On a six hours' trial, during which six runs were made over the measured mile, in the Fifth of Clyde, she attained an Admiralty mean speed of 20½ knots. The trials, which were attended by Adm. Simpson, Chief of the Chilean Naval Commission in London, along with the members of his staff, and by Mr. T.E. Vickers, C.B., chairman of Messrs. Vickers, Sons and Maxim, lasted ten days and were of a searching character. The ship was loaded to her designed displacement with all her stores on board, 11,839 tons, her mean draught being 24½ ft.

The first of the trials consisted of a series of progressive speed runs over the measured mile on the Clyde with the view of providing scientific data. The first run was at 12 knots, and it is interesting as a measure of the cost of power to state that three knots more, 15 knots, required a doubling of the engine power, while 17½ knots involved a further addition equal to over 80 per cent. The ship subsequently proceeded on her long distance trial, the duration and power being determined by Adm. Simpson. The ship continued right down the Irish Sea as far as the Bristol Channel at 17½ knots, and the admiral then expressed his complete satisfaction with the working of the machinery and discontinued the trial. For three hours more, however, the vessel was run at a speed of 19 knots. On the full-power trial, which was specified to be of six hours' duration, the vessel steamed six times over the measured mile, and on none of the runs was the speed less than 19½ knots, notwithstanding that the weather was stormy with frequent snow blizzards. The remarkable feature of this trial was the uniformity of revolutions of the engines, the variation being only 2 per cent, and it was found at the end of the six runs that the mean speed was 20½ knots, with 158 revolutions of the machinery. This speed, of course, is a large part due not only to the efficiency of the machinery but to the fine form of the ship, the absence of wave motion being specially notable, notwithstanding the fact that the ship has a beam of 71 ft. with a length between perpendiculars of 436 ft. The coal consumption on the long distance trial was 1,711 lb. per i.h.p. per hour and on the six hours' full-power trial 1,731 lb. per i.h.p. per hour, so that the ship proved capable of a large radius

of action, the bunker capacity being sufficient to take her at cruising speed to New York and back.

On the completion of the speed tests the vessel carried out a series of gun trials, which are exceptionally interesting in view of the heavy armament carried. She mounts four of Vickers' new 10 in. guns, two in the forward and two in the after barbettes, while on the upper deck there are four 7.5 in. guns in the casemates at the four corners of the main citadel, and on the main deck she has on each broadside five guns of the same calibre. 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